

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT : Failure of CIA to receive intelligence from the Joint Chiefs of Staff

REFERENCES : (A) Memorandum for Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff from Acting Director CIA, dated 3 September 1953

(B) Memorandum for Director, CIA, from Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, dated 14 September 1953

Current high level interest in the question of the future of the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission in Korea, activities in connection with the recent charges of armistice violations by both sides, and President Rhee's renewed agitation against the NNSC have revived the whole question of CIA's failure to receive intelligence being transmitted in JCS channels.

All cables in connection with the Korean armistice are sent to the JCS from UNCMAC (United Nations Command, Military Armistice Commission) through CINCUNC. All intelligence received from [REDACTED] including Chinese troop movements, likewise go through these channels, as well as many important cables from CINCUNC dealing with the Korean situation. These cables are consistently denied to OCI on grounds that they are "high level, JCS matters." This attitude seems to reflect a failure on the part of the military to recognize that this agency's special relationship to the NSC and the White House requires it to have complete information on developments abroad which have a bearing on American security interests.

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This situation was brought to the attention of the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff by reference (A). In his reply, reference (B), Admiral Radford agreed to make intelligence on Korea available to the agency, but suggested that it be done in the field. [REDACTED] refused to act on it at the time, citing the lack of command responsibility of the JCS over CINCUNC.

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I believe that this situation leaves us in a vulnerable position in the event of a surprise, inimical development in the Far East. CINCUNC can point to his reports to the JCS as fulfilling his responsibilities, and the JCS can point to Reference (A), and to CIA's failure to act, thereby passing responsibility to the DCI.

it is believed that this situation could be corrected by either of the following steps:

25X1A 1. [REDACTED] be directed to arrange the matter with appropriate officials of CINCUNC.

2. The matter be referred back to the Chairman, JCS, with the request that appropriate cables be made available to CIA in Washington, under such restrictions as he may designate.

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[REDACTED]
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Enclosures

- 1-Reference (A)
- 1-Reference (B)

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14 September 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Central Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: Cabled Reports from CINUNC Regarding
Implementation of the Korean Armistice

REFERENCE: Memo from Acting Director, CIA, No. OCI-92220
dated 3 Sept. 1953, to Chairman, JCS

1. If necessary, in order to provide the Central Intelligence Agency with the intelligence material requested in the above referenced memorandum, the Joint Staff is prepared to provide facilities for screening cables addressed to the Joint Chiefs of Staff from CINC United Nations Command, extract therefrom material of intelligence value relative to the implementation of the Korean armistice and related negotiations, and furnish such extracts to the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

25X1A 2. However, it would appear to be more effective and expeditious for the Central Intelligence Agency to secure this information direct from the G-2, CINC, United Nations Command, [REDACTED] This procedure also has the advantage of eliminating additional handling of the cables and the delays inherent in screening and extraction, plus the advantages accruing to direct liaison.

ARTHUR RADFORD
Chairman
Joint Chiefs of Staff

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT : Cabled Reports from CINCUNC Regarding
Implementation of the Korean Armistice

To assist the Agency in fulfilling responsibilities for accurate reporting on the implementation of the Korean armistice and related negotiations, it is requested that we receive periodically, as available, the cabled summary Reports from CINCUNC which you may deem of intelligence value.

/s/
C. P. Cabell
Lieutenant General, USAF
Acting Director

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